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SUBJ: NEW CHINGMING DEMONSTRATIONS BEING PLANNED?

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- 1. PUBLICATIONS CLERK (REFTEL) GREETED USLO OFFICER MARCH 16 WITH SALUTATION "I'M WAITING FOR TENG." REMAINDER OF CONVERSATION, EQUALLY PECULIAR, INCLUDED VOLUNTEERED OBSERVATION THAT "THE CHINESE PEOPLE" ARE ALREADY PREPARING WREATHS TO DISPLAY DURING FORTHCOMING CHINGMING FESTIVAL--IF TENG HAD NOT RETURNED BY THEN.
- 2. THERE FOLLOWS AN APPROXIMATE RECONSTRUCTION FROM MEMORY OF PERTINENT PORTIONS OF CONVERSATION TO GIVE SENSE OF TONE AND CONTEXT OF CLERK'S (C) REMARKS TO USLO OFFICER (U).

C: I'M WAITING FOR TENG.

U: TENG WHO?

C: TENG HSIAO-PING, TO RETURN AS PREMIER. DO YOU CONFIDENTIAL

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UNDERSTAND SOLAR TERMS?

U: WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

C: (PICKING UP CHINESE-ENGLISH DICTIONARY) THE CHING-MING FESTIVAL IS ON APRIL 5. THE CHINESE PEOPLE ARE ALREADY PREPARING MANY WREATHS. U: FOR WHOM?

C: FOR OUR BELOVED AND RESPECTED PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI.

U: HAVEN'T THE CHINESE PEOPLE ALREADY DONE THAT?

C: YES, BUT THEY WILL DO IT AGAIN AT THE CHING-MING FESTIVAL...IF TENG HAS NOT RETURNED BY THEN. DEAN

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